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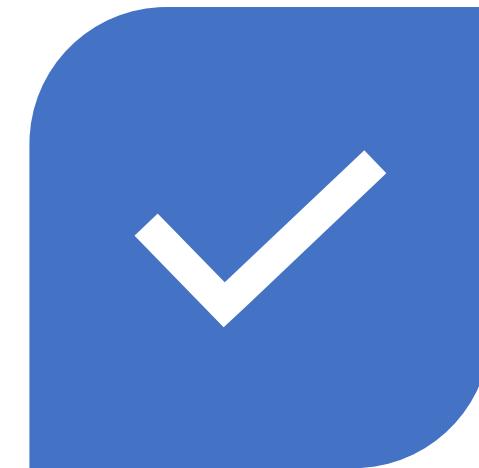




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# Iran defies Trump, warns protesters of punishment without 'any leniency'

**Associated Press**

DUBAI

Iran signalled on Friday that security forces would crack down on protesters, directly challenging U.S. President Donald Trump's pledge to support those demonstrating as the death toll rose to at least 50.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei dismissed Mr. Trump as having hands "stained with the blood of Iranians" as supporters shouted "Death to America!" in footage aired by Iranian state television. State media later repeatedly referred to demonstrators as "terrorists," setting the stage for a violent crackdown like those that followed other protests in recent years.

Protesters are "ruining their own streets... in order to please the President of the U.S.," Mr. Khamenei said to a crowd at his compound in Tehran. "Because he said that he would come to their aid. He should pay attention to



**In rage:** Several protesters gather amid burning vehicles during anti-government unrest in Tehran, Iran. REUTERS

the state of his own country instead."

Iran's judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei separately vowed that punishment for protesters "will be decisive, maximum and without any legal leniency".

## Trump repeats threat

There was no immediate response from Washington, though Mr. Trump has repeated his pledge to strike Iran if protesters are killed, a threat that's taken on greater significance af-

ter the U.S. military raid that seized Venezuela's Nicolás Maduro.

Despite Iran's government cutting off the nation from the Internet and international telephone calls, short online videos shared by activists purported to show protesters chanting against Iran's government around bonfires as debris littered the streets in the capital, Tehran, and other areas into Friday morning.

Iranian state media alleged "terrorist agents" of

the U.S. and Israel set fires and sparked violence. It also said there were "casualties," without elaborating.

The protests also represented the first test of whether the Iranian public could be swayed by the Opposition leader in exile, Reza Pahlavi, whose fatally ill father fled Iran just before the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Mr. Pahlavi, who called for the protests on Thursday night, similarly has called for demonstrations on Friday night.

Demonstrations have included cries in support of the deposed monarch, something that could bring a death sentence in the past but now underlines the anger fuelling the protests that began over Iran's ailing economy.

So far, violence around the demonstrations has killed at least 50 people while more than 2,270 others have been detained, said the U.S.-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA).

Event (EN/HI)	Time / दृवय	Key leaders & actors / वरकर ज्ञात	Main causes / रक्षा दृवय	Key outcomes / हितरकर
Constitutional Revolution / द्वारा दृवय दृवय	1905–1911	Ulama + bazaar merchants + modernists; Majles supporters / क्षेत्रकर्ता + दृवयकर्ता + शाह दृवयकर्ता	Autocracy of Qajar, foreign influence (Russia/UK), economic grievances / वरकर शाह दृवय, शाह दृवय दृवय, शाह दृवय	Majles (Parliament) + Constitution; limits on monarchy (contested later) / दृवय + दृवय, दृवय दृवय दृवय
Rise of Pahlavi (Reza Shah) / हितरकर दृवय-दृवय (not a "revolution", but system change)	1921 coup → 1925 dynasty	Reza Khan (Reza Shah) / दृवय दृवय	Weak Qajar state, centralization push / दृवय दृवय दृवय	Pahlavi monarchy; secular-modernizing state-building / हितरकर दृवय, दृवय दृवय
Mossadegh & 1953 Coup / दृवय दृवय दृवय 1953 लक्ष्यवाही (turning point)	1951–1953	PM Mohammad Mossadegh; Shah; foreign intelligence / दृवय, दृवय	Oil nationalization conflict; Cold War geopolitics / दृवय दृवय, दृवय	Mossadegh removed; Shah's power strengthened / दृवय दृवय दृवय
White Revolution / "दृवय दृवय" (Top-down reforms)	1963 onward	Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi / दृवय	Land reforms, modernization, women's rights, literacy; also to undercut clergy/left / दृवय दृवय, दृवय	Social change + backlash from clergy; contributed to opposition growth / दृवय दृवय + दृवय
Islamic Revolution / स्वरकर दृवय	1977–1979 (peak 1979)	Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini + broad coalition / दृवय दृवय दृवय	Authoritarian monarchy, inequality, perceived westernization, repression (SAVAK) / दृवय दृवय, दृवय	Shah overthrown; Islamic Republic established; clerical rule / दृवय दृवय; स्वरकर प्रधान
Iran–Iraq War impact (Revolution consolidation) / दृवय-स्वरकर दृवय दृवय (context)	1980–1988	Islamic Republic vs Iraq / हितरकर दृवय	Border/strategic rivalry; post-revolution vulnerability / दृवय दृवय, दृवय	Consolidation of regime; militarization; IRGC rise / दृवय दृवय; IRGC दृवय क्रांति प्रह

Protest wave (EN/HI)	Time / दृग्रवंश	Trigger / अक्षयग्र	Nature / संरचना	State response / बलशक्ति	Exam-ready keywords / इन- अक्षयग्र
Student protests / धर्म अनुकूलग्र	1999	Closure of reformist newspaper; campus anger / १ था व्रग्र अक्षय, धर्म १ दृग्रवंश	Student-led, reformist demands / धर्मशक्ति १ अक्षय	Crackdown; shaped reform vs hardliner politics / व्रवंश	“Reformists vs conservatives”; civil society
Green Movement / इहण सम्मरक्ष	2009	Disputed presidential election results / दृग्रवंश व्रग्र व्रवंश अनुकूल	Mass urban protests; “Where is my vote?” / “व्रवंश अक्षय दृप्रकूल”	Heavy repression; arrests / व्रवंश	Elections legitimacy, digital mobilization, “color revolutions” comparison
Economic protests / अनुकूल व्रवंश	2017–2018	Inflation, unemployment, regional inequality / व्रप्रवंश, दृग्रवंश व्रवंश	Spread to smaller towns; economic focus / इहण दृप्रकूल व्रवंश लड व्रवंश	Crackdown	“Sanctions + economy + governance” linkage
Fuel-price protests / व्रवंश व्रवंश अनुकूल	2019	Sudden fuel price hike / १ दृप्रश्व दृग्रवंश/व्रवंश अनुकूलग्र	Widespread, intense; economic anger / व्रवंश, दृग्रवंश	Internet shutdown + severe crackdown / संघर्ष अक्षय + व्रवंश	“Internet shutdown as tool”; social media control
Mahsa Amini protests / व्रप्रवंश १श्रवंश अनुकूलग्र ("Woman, Life, Freedom")	2022	Death of Mahsa Amini after morality police detention / अनुकूल दृग्रवंश व्रवंश	Women-led + youth; hijab/rights + broader anti- regime anger / व्रप्रवंश अनुकूल ज्ञानकूल	Strong crackdown; executions reported by rights groups / दृग्रवंश	Keywords: <b>morality police</b> , hijab, women's rights, diaspora activism
Ongoing/unrest cycles / नवंश १ दृग्रवंश दृग्र	2023–Aug 2025 (broad)	Economy + rights + regional tensions / १ व्रवंश अनुकूल + १श्रवंश व्रवंश	Periodic strikes/protests / प्रत्यक्ष व्रवंश दृग्र	Security-centric response / दृग्रवंश १ व्रवंश	Link with sanctions, inflation, legitimacy, regional geopolitics

Topic (EN/HI)	Key facts (Exam-ready)
Strait of Hormuz / होर्मुज जलडमरुमध्य	Links Persian Gulf ↔ Gulf of Oman; ~20–25% global oil flows via this chokepoint / फ़ारस की खाड़ी ↔ ओमान की खाड़ी; दुनिया के तेल का बड़ा हिस्सा यहाँ से
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) / जीसीसी	Members: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE; <b>Iran not a member</b> / 6 सदस्य; ईरान सदस्य नहीं
OPEC / ओपेक	Founded 1960; HQ Vienna; founding members include Iran among others / स्थापना 1960; मुख्यालय वियना; संस्थापकों में ईरान शामिल
JCPOA (Iran Nuclear Deal) / ईरान परमाणु समझौता	2015 deal (Iran + P5+1 & EU): peaceful nuclear limits ↔ sanctions relief / शांतिपूर्ण कार्यक्रम की शर्तें ↔ प्रतिबंधों में राहत
India & Hormuz dependency / भारत और होर्मुज	A significant share of India's crude & LNG transits the route (energy-risk lens) / भारत की ऊर्जा-सुरक्षा का बड़ा जोखिम-बिंदु

Exam	Date (as per source)	Question (short)
UPSC CSE Prelims	2016	Which of the following is NOT a member of GCC? (Iran/Saudi/Oman/Kuwait)
UPSC CDS (GK)	23 Oct 2016	Match straits: <b>Hormuz</b> → Gulf of <b>Persia</b> (among options)
UPSC CSE Mains (GS2)	2018	US–Iran Nuclear Pact controversy: impact on India + response
SSC CGL Tier-I	17 Sept 2024 (Shift 1)	Match items includes "India–GCC FTA negotiations began in ____"
UPPSC PCS Prelims (GS Paper-I)	2025	GCC membership (question includes Iran/Iraq etc.)
BPSC DSO	03 Aug 2025	Strait of Hormuz situated between which gulfs?
RRB NTPC CBT-2 (Level-3)	14 Jun 2022 (Shift 1)	India is NOT a permanent member of which organization?
IBPS PO Mains (GA memory-based list)	20 Nov 2016	Where is HQ of OPEC located?

Q. With reference to the news, consider the statements: / समाचार के संदर्भ में कथन देखिए:

1. The report indicates Iranian authorities warned of "maximum punishment without leniency" for protesters. / रिपोर्ट में प्रदर्शनकारियों के लिए "बिना रियायत अधिकतम सज़ा" की चेतावनी है।
2. The report mentions the protests were linked to Iran's ailing economy. / रिपोर्ट में प्रदर्शन को ईरान की बिगड़ती अर्थव्यवस्था से जोड़ा गया है।

Which is correct? / सही विकल्प:

- A) 1 only / केवल 1
- B) 2 only / केवल 2
- C) Both 1 and 2 / 1 और 2 दोनों
- D) Neither 1 nor 2 / न 1 न 2



# All candidates will have to undergo face authentication at exam venues, says UPSC

**Vijaita Singh**

NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) said on Friday that all candidates appearing in the examinations conducted by the Commission "will undergo face authentication at the venue".

The update was posted on UPSC's website on Friday.

## After pilot project

Earlier in September 2025, the Commission conducted a pilot programme to test AI-enabled facial authentication technology for swift and secure candidate verification during two examinations.

The pilot was conducted with the assistance of

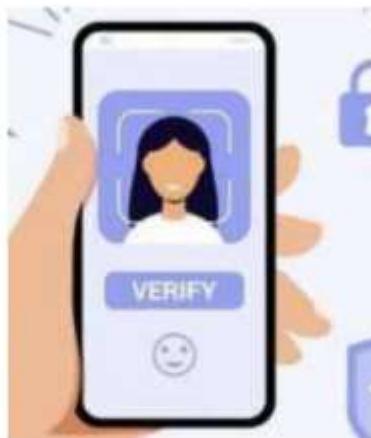
National e-Governance Division (NeGD).

UPSC said the initiative seeks to strengthen the integrity of the examination process and enhance the ease of entry for candidates at examination centres.

The pilot was carried out at select centres in Gurugram, Haryana where the facial images of candidates were digitally matched with the photographs submitted in their registration forms.

The new system reduced verification time to an average of just 8 to 10 seconds per candidate, significantly streamlining the entry process while adding an extra layer of security.

On July 10, 2025, UPSC published a fresh tender



A pilot exercise was carried out at select centres in Gurugram.

seeking bids from public sector undertakings (PSU) "to match and cross-check the biometric details of the candidates to prevent cheating, fraud, unfair means and impersonation".

The document said the Commission desires to incorporate Aadhaar-based

fingerprint authentication (or else digital fingerprint capturing) and facial recognition of candidates, scanning of QR code of e-admit cards.

It said that UPSC conducts 14 major examinations and a number of recruitment tests in around 3,000 venues across 180 centres with a candidature ranging up to 12 lakhs.

## Questions over integrity

Over the past two-years, the 100-year-old institution introduced several changes to strengthen the examination system which came under a cloud amid the NEET examination row and IAS probationer Puja Khedkar's case.

Ms. Khedkar allegedly forged identity documents

and a person with benchmark disability (PwBD) certificate to secure entry into the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).

UPSC has registered a criminal case against Ms. Khedkar for "misrepresenting and falsifying facts to obtain extra attempts in CSE-2022, beyond the prescribed limit".

For the civil services examination in 2024, the rules were amended and the online submission of educational, caste and physical disability certificates was made mandatory at the stage of preliminary examinations, unlike earlier when documents were to be scanned and uploaded once a candidate qualified for the Mains examination.

- **UPSC का नया निर्देश / New UPSC directive**
  - All candidates appearing in UPSC-conducted exams **must undergo face authentication at the exam venue.** / UPSC की परीक्षाओं में बैठने वाले सभी उम्मीदवारों का परीक्षा केंद्र पर फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन होगा।
  - The update was posted on UPSC's website (Friday). / यह अपडेट UPSC वेबसाइट पर (शुक्रवार) डाला गया।
- **Pilot project (Sept 2025) / पायलट प्रोजेक्ट (सितंबर 2025)**
  - UPSC ran a pilot to test **AI-enabled facial authentication** for faster & secure verification during two exams. / 2 परीक्षाओं में AI आधारित फेस ऑथेंटिकेशन का पायलट किया गया।
  - Pilot done with support of **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**. / यह पायलट NeGD की सहायता से हुआ।
- **Where & how it worked / कहाँ और कैसे**
  - At select centres in **Gurugram, Haryana**, candidate face images were **digitally matched** with photos submitted in registration forms. / गुरुग्राम (हरियाणा) में उम्मीदवार के चेहरे की इमेज को रजिस्ट्रेशन फोटो से डिजिटल मैच किया गया।
  - Verification time reduced to **8–10 seconds per candidate** (faster entry + extra security layer). / प्रति उम्मीदवार औसतन 8–10 सेकंड में वेरिफिकेशन; एंट्री तेज + सुरक्षा बढ़ी।

- **Tender & expansion / टेंडर और विस्तार**
  - On 10 July 2025, UPSC issued a tender seeking PSU bids to match/cross-check biometric details to prevent **cheating, fraud, unfair means, impersonation**. / 10 जुलाई 2025 को PSU से बायोमेट्रिक क्रॉस-चेक हेतु टेंडर— नकल/धोखाधड़ी/इम्परसनेशन रोकने हेतु।
  - Proposed components: **Aadhaar-based fingerprint authentication (or digital fingerprint capture), facial recognition, and QR code scanning of e-admit cards**. / प्रस्तावित: आधार आधारित फिंगरप्रिंट, फेस रिकम्प्लिशन, ई-अडमिट के QR की स्कैनिंग।
- **Scale of UPSC exams / UPSC का स्केल**
  - UPSC conducts **14 major examinations + recruitment tests at ~3,000 venues across 180 centres**, with candidature up to 12 lakh. / UPSC की 14 बड़ी परीक्षाएँ, ~3000 वेन्यू, 180 केंद्र, अधिकतम 12 लाख कैंडिडेचर।
- **Integrity context / परीक्षा-शुचिता का संर्दर्भ**
  - Past 2 years: multiple changes to strengthen examination system amid debates on integrity (NEET row) and **Puja Khedkar case**. / पिछले 2 वर्षों में परीक्षा प्रणाली मजबूत करने हेतु बदलाव; नीट विवाद व पूजा खेडकर केस की पृष्ठभूमि।
  - Report says UPSC filed criminal case for misrepresentation to obtain extra attempts in **CSE-2022** beyond prescribed limit; also allegations around **PwBD certificate misuse**. / CSE-2022 में अतिरिक्त प्रयास हेतु गलत तथ्य/दस्तावेज—आपराधिक केस; PwBD प्रमाणपत्र को लेकर आरोप।
  - CSE 2024: online submission of educational/caste/disability certificates made mandatory at prelim stage. / CSE 2024: प्रीलिम्स स्टेज पर प्रमाणपत्रों की ऑनलाइन सबमिशन अनिवार्य।



Exam	Date (as per source)	Question theme (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims	2018	Aadhaar: proof of citizenship/domicile? & can Aadhaar be deactivated?	<b>Neither statement is correct</b>
UPSC CSE Prelims	2018	Aadhaar open APIs imply what? (device integration / iris auth)	<b>Both correct</b>
SSC CHSL Tier-I	11 Jul 2024 (Shift 2)	UIDAI is under which ministry?	<b>MeitY</b>
SSC CPO	23 Nov 2020 (Shift 2)	UIDAI is statutory authority under which ministry?	<b>MeitY</b>
FCI AG III (Memory-based)	14 Jan 2023 (Shift 2)	“Headquarter in New Delhi won GRIHA award 2022” – identify org	<b>UIDAI HQ</b>
SBI CBO (Memory-based)	21 Jan 2024	KYC periodic verification + OVDs include Aadhaar?	<b>As per given options in paper (statement-based)</b>
Railway (RRB) Official FAQ (CEN 03/2024)	2024 (FAQ PDF)	Why Aadhaar verification is required?	To ensure genuineness & curb impersonation





# Shah launches database on bomb blasts in India

National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System will have details since 1999; it will be crucial in probing terrorist activities, and formulating effective strategies against them, he says

**The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday inaugurated the National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS), a first-of-its-kind platform that contains details of every bomb blast that has occurred in the country since 1999.

Mr. Shah said the NIDMS would prove extremely important in the coming days for the investigation of all types of terrorist incidents and for analysing their various aspects.

The Minister said the Union Home Ministry had generated different kinds of data over the years, but these remained in silos until now.

"Now, we are making efforts to connect all these data sources with one another and to develop an advanced artificial intelligence-based software for their analysis. Today's launch of NIDMS will accelerate this process and prove to be an important milestone in the direction of making the country safe



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates National IED Data Management System of NSG via video conference. PTI

from terrorism," Mr. Shah said.

The NIDMS headquarters is located at the National Security Guard (NSG) garrison in Manesar, Haryana. The online database can be accessed by State police, Central Armed Police Forces, and other investigating agencies. The NSG is the primary force for conducting post-blast analysis.

Mr. Shah said data related to any explosion or IED incident occurring at any location could be included in the system and that its use would provide necessary guidance during in-

vestigations across States. He said the platform would be crucial in investigating terrorist activities, understanding trends in explosions and formulating effective strategies against them.

It will strengthen the collection, standardisation, integration and secure sharing of IED-related data. Mr. Shah said it would serve as a single-click access window for data scattered across different case files for investigation agencies and anti-terror organisations.

Explaining the features of the platform, Karan Sharma, Squadron Commander of the National Bomb Data Centre, NSG, said, "One of its main functionalities is that it establishes the signature link between two or more incidents. This could be either location, type of explosions or even the circuit used. For example, the same type of delayed circuit timer was used in the March 2024 Rameswaram cafe blast and in the 2022 Mangaluru blast. Police can use this information during investigation, and the information can be used for predictive analysis in the future."

The NIDMS is a secure

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the National IED Data Management System (NIDMS)  
—a national database on bomb/IED incidents. / गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने National IED Data Management System (NIDMS) लॉन्च किया—बम/IED घटनाओं का राष्ट्रीय डेटाबेस। [Press Information... +1](#)
- It is projected as a “next-generation security shield” against terrorism. / इसे आतंकवाद के खिलाफ “नेक्स्ट-जेन सुरक्षा ढाल” बताया गया। [Press Information... +1](#)

- **What the system contains / सिस्टम में क्या होगा**

- A centralised, organised digital archive of IED/bomb-blast related incidents to support investigation & analysis. / IED/बम-ब्लास्ट घटनाओं का केंद्रीकृत डिजिटल रिकॉर्ड, जांच व विश्लेषण के लिए। [The Economic Ti... +1](#)
- It aims to provide single-window / single-click access to data scattered across case files. / अलग-अलग केस-फाइलों में बिखरे डेटा के लिए सिंगल-विंडो/सिंगल-क्लिक एक्सेस। [The Times of India +1](#)

- **Who will use it / किसके लिए**

- Accessible to multiple agencies (state police/CAPFs/investigating & anti-terror agencies). / राज्य पुलिस, CAPFs और अन्य जांच/एंटी-टेरर एजेंसियों के लिए उपयोगी। [The Economic Ti... +1](#)

- **Why it matters / क्यों महत्वपूर्ण**

- Helps probe terrorist activities, identify patterns, modus operandi, and improve counter-strategies. / आतंकवादी गतिविधियों की जांच, पैटर्न/मोडस-ऑपरेंटी समझने और रणनीति बनाने में मदद। [The Times of India +1](#)
- Enables “signature linkages” between incidents (e.g., similar device/circuit methods), aiding predictive insights. / घटनाओं के बीच “सिग्नेचर लिंक” (जैसे समान डिवाइस/सर्किट) बनाकर भविष्य के संकेत (predictive insights) देने में मदद। [The Week +1](#)

Topic (EN/HI)	Crisp fact for MCQ
NIDMS / एनआईडीएमएस	National digital platform for IED incident data; supports analysis + inter-agency sharing
"Signature linkages" / सिग्नेचर लिंक	Links incidents based on similarities (method/circuit/device signatures) for investigation insights
NSG legal basis / NSG का कानूनी आधार	NSG formally came into existence under <b>National Security Guard Act, 1986</b> (assent 22 Sept 1986)
NSG control / NSG किसके अधीन	NSG is under <b>Ministry of Home Affairs</b>
NIA basics / एनआईए बेसिक्स	NIA is a statutory body under <b>NIA Act, 2008</b> (constituted in 2009; MHA)
UAPA core / यूएपीए	UAPA enacted in <b>1967</b> ; key internal security law

Exam	Date	Question (paraphrased)	Answer
UPSC Mains (GS3 – Internal Security)	2019	Role of <b>Over Ground Workers (OGWs)</b> in insurgency areas; measures to neutralize influence	Descriptive
OPSC OAS (GS Paper-I)	22 Nov 2022	Identify incorrect statements about <b>NIA</b> (e.g., primary task force, permission from states etc.)	As per paper: option marking (ii) & (iii) incorrect
UP Police SI (Official PYP)	17 Nov 2021 (Shift 3)	"Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency" in India?	<b>NIA</b>
UP Police SI (Official PYP)	25 Nov 2021 (Shift 3)	Force specialised in counter-terrorism, anti-hijacking, hostage rescue?	<b>NSG</b>
IBPS Clerk Mains (Memory-based)	29 Nov 2025	NSG formally established in which year?	<b>1986</b>
Haryana CET Group D (PYP)	21 Oct 2023 (Shift 1)	Statements: NSG HQ in Manesar; NSG under MHA	<b>Both correct</b>
ACC CGAT (PYP)	Aug 2019	NSG operation during 26/11 Mumbai (Taj etc.)	<b>Operation Black Tornado</b>

Q. News के संदर्भ में कथन देखिए / Consider the statements (based on the news):

1. NIDMS is meant to act as a **single-window digital platform** for organised analysis of IED/bomb-blast incidents. / NIDMS IED/बम-ब्लास्ट घटनाओं के लिए सिंगल-विंडो डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म है।
2. The platform aims to build **signature linkages** between incidents to help investigations and trend analysis. / यह प्लेटफॉर्म घटनाओं के बीच सिग्नेचर लिंक बनाकर जांच/ट्रेंड एनालिसिस में मदद करेगा।

Options / विकल्प:

- A) 1 only / केवल 1
- B) 2 only / केवल 2
- C) Both 1 and 2 / दोनों
- D) Neither / कोई नहीं

IN BRIEF



DRDO conducts key test for hypersonic missile programme

The Defence Research & Development Laboratory, the Hyderabad-based laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, has successfully conducted in India's hypersonic missile programme with an successful long duration ground test of an air-launched hypersonic missile test. The Defence Ministry said the test was conducted on Friday at the DRDO's state-of-the-art scramjet Configuration Test Facility. The missile demonstrated sustained performance for over 12 minutes. The successful trial positions India among the global leaders in advanced hypersonic aerospace technologies.

Tusker claims 2 more lives in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum

A wild elephant killed two more people, including a minor, in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on Friday. The incident happened in Tilkaud village. In the past nine days, the tusker has killed 17 people. The forest department division (DPO), Chaibasa, said, "We are camping in the forest to identify the tusker's habitat, activity, and tranquillise the elephant. So far 17 people have been killed by the wild elephant. However, we are not sure how many rogue elephants are there. We are also not sure whether the elephant has come from Odisha or from the forest of Chaibasa."

14 killed, 33 injured as bus plunges into deep gorge in Himachal's Sirmour district

The Hindu Bureau  
CHANDIGARH

At least 14 passengers were killed and 33 injured on Friday when they were travelling in a deep gorge near Haripurduar in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh's Sirmour district. The bus was on its way from Chandigarh to Jammu via Raigarhi when it veered off the road and fell into a more than 100-metre gorge around 2.45 a.m. According to a government statement, there were around 45 passengers on board.

The injured were admitted to the civil hospital at Raigarhi, a medical college in Sirmour, while the seriously injured were admitted to the Sirmour and Sahibzada Ajit Singh Medical College and Hospital (SGMC) in Shimla. Chief Minister Sukhvinder



Passengers being rescued after a private bus rolled down from the road at Sirmour district on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Singh (Sukh) expressed deep grief over the loss of lives and directed the district authorities to provide all possible assistance to the injured. An ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh each will be given to each deceased and ensure the best medical care to the injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the loss of lives was "extremely sad".

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He said the environmental compensation will be given to the families of the deceased.

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# Varanasi 'Tent City', inaugurated by PM, violated environmental norms: NGT

**The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has said that a 'Tent City' established on the Ganga riverbed in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, in 2023 was operated in "violation" of environmental laws.

Inaugurating the project on January 13, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said: "With the Tent City, tourists and devotees coming to Kashi now have an incredible means of accommodation."

"We find that the Tent City by the respondents No. 11 and 12 (two private companies) was set up and operated in violation of the environmental norms and the provisions of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 for which the environmental compensation has been le-



The NGT was hearing a petition saying the Tent City was set up without the requisite clearances. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

vied, but not recovered. Therefore, the same is required to be recovered expeditiously," the NGT said in an order dated January 8.

The Principal Bench of the NGT comprising chairperson Prakash Srivastava and expert member A. Senthil Vel was hearing an application that the Tent City was allegedly polluting the riverbed and river

water and causing harm to flora and fauna. The applicant also alleged that the sewage of the Tent City was directly discharged into the river.

"The respondents (government authorities) will ensure that in future violating the provisions of River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 and the applicable envi-

ronmental norms, no such Tent City is allowed to be set up on the bank of river Ganga or its tributaries," the NGT order said.

The applicant had also alleged that the Tent City was set up at the place of 'Kachhua Wildlife Sanctuary' and this sanctuary was illegally de-notified in 2020. The NGT order said that since the de-notification of a turtle sanctuary, which is related to the Tent City, is pending before the Supreme Court, the green court "does not deem it proper" to go into this issue.

In a report submitted to the NGT in October 2023, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) noted that "application for the prior-approval for the project development of Tent City has been made after the project has already been implemented in 2022".

- **NGT finding / NGT की टिप्पणी**
  - NGT said a “Tent City” on the Ganga riverbed in Varanasi (U.P.), operated in 2023, was in violation of environmental laws.
  - NGT linked the violation to environmental norms and provisions of the **River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016**.
- **Project inauguration context / उद्घाटन का संदर्भ**
  - The project was inaugurated on **13 January 2023** by the Prime Minister; it was positioned as accommodation support for tourists/devotees visiting Kashi.
- **Petition & allegations / याचिका और आरोप**
  - Petition claimed the Tent City was set up without requisite clearances.
  - Allegations included: **pollution of riverbed/river water, harm to flora & fauna, and sewage discharge directly into the river.**
- **Environmental compensation & recovery / पर्यावरण क्षतिपूर्ति और वसूली**
  - Environmental compensation was **levied**, but **not recovered**; NGT directed that it be **recovered expeditiously** (order dated Jan 8 as mentioned in the report).

- **NGT Bench / NGT पीठ**
  - Principal Bench included **Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava** and **Expert Member A. Senthil Vel** (as shown in the article image).
- **Future compliance direction / भविष्य के लिए निर्देश**
  - NGT emphasized that **no such Tent City should be allowed on the bank of River Ganga or its tributaries** if it violates environmental norms (as quoted in the report).
- **Kachhua Wildlife Sanctuary angle / कछुआ अभयारण्य वाला मुद्दा**
  - Applicant alleged the Tent City was set up at the place of '**Kachhua Wildlife Sanctuary**', allegedly **de-notified in 2020**.
  - NGT said since the sanctuary de-notification issue is **pending before the Supreme Court**, it did **not deem it proper** to go into it.
- **NMCG observation / NMCG का अवलोकन**
  - In an **Oct 2023 report** to NGT, NMCG noted that **application for prior-approval was made after the project had already been implemented (in 2022)**.

**Topic (EN/HI)****Exam-ready facts (short)****NGT / राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण**

Established under **National Green Tribunal Act, 2010**;  
aims for **effective & expeditious** disposal of  
environmental cases

**River Ganga Authorities Order,  
2016 / गंगा प्राधिकरण आदेश 2016**

Notified **07.10.2016** (India Code listing); comes into  
force upon Gazette publication

**Environment (Protection) Act,  
1986 / पर्यावरण संरक्षण अधिनियम  
1986**

Umbrella law empowering Central Govt to  
protect/improve environment & issue directions

**UPPCB & Environmental  
Compensation / पर्यावरण क्षतिपूत्रि**

Used as a regulatory tool by pollution control boards;  
often linked to "polluter pays" logic (conceptually  
important for GS)

**Why "Prior Approval" matters /  
पूर्व-अनुमोदन का महत्व**

Projects in sensitive river/floodplain zones typically  
require clearances/permissions; "post-facto" approval  
is a common compliance red-flag

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims 2012	20 May 2012	<i>NGT Act, 2010 was enacted in consonance with which Constitutional provision(s)?</i>	<b>Right to healthy environment as part of Article 21 (Option: 1 only)</b>
UPSC CSE Prelims 2018	03 Jun 2018	<i>NGT vs CPCB difference (Act vs executive order; roles)</i>	As per official key: <b>statement(s) evaluated accordingly</b>
UPSC CSE Prelims 2022	05 Jun 2022	<i>Which body is constituted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986?</i>	<b>Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)</b>
UPSC CSE Mains (GS3) 2015	Mains 2015	<i>Discuss Namami Gange &amp; NMCG; causes of mixed results; quantum leaps needed</i>	Descriptive
UPPSC RO/ARO (GS Paper-I)	20 Sep 2020	<i>NGT was established by Govt. of India in...</i>	<b>2010</b>
MPPSC GS (State Service)	2018	<i>Full form of NGT?</i>	<b>National Green Tribunal</b>
RRB JE EE (Official Paper)	30 Aug 2019 (Shift 2)	<i>First Chairperson of NGT?</i>	<b>Justice Lokeshwar Singh Panta</b>
RBI Assistant Mains (Memory-based)	2022	<i>Where is the principal office of NGT?</i>	<b>New Delhi</b>

Q. News के संदर्भ में कथन देखिए / Consider the statements (based on the news image):

1. NGT observed that the Varanasi Tent City was operated in violation of environmental norms and the **River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016**.  
/ NGT ने कहा कि वाराणसी टेंट सिटी ने पर्यावरणीय मानदंडों तथा गंगा प्राधिकरण आदेश 2016 के प्रावधानों का उल्लंघन किया।
2. NMCG noted that the application for **prior approval** was made **after** the project had already been implemented in **2022**.  
/ NMCG ने कहा कि पूर्व-अनुमोदन का आवेदन परियोजना लागू होने (2022) के बाद किया गया।

Options / विकल्प:

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## DAMASCUS

Europe to do 'everything it can' to support Syria, says EU chief



European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said Europe would do "everything possible to assist Syria's recovery and reconstruction" after the president of the European Council, Charles Michel, met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on Friday in Damascus. Ms. von der Leyen was on a regional tour alongside Antonio Guterres, who heads the European Council. AFP

## RAMALLAH

Envoy tapped for Trump's Gaza board meets Palestinian official



Nisimy Matanane, the former UN envoy expected to help lead Donald Trump's new committee to help end the conflict in Gaza, met with a Palestinian official on Friday. The envoy is expected to travel to the Gaza Strip next week to meet with officials ahead of his plan for the West Bank and Gaza. Mr. Trump is expected to announce the composition of the board this month. Reuters

## SEOUL

South Korea's Yoon faces potential death sentence request in trial



A South Korean court trying former President Park Geun-hye on corruption charges put off a second hearing after a prosecutor asked for a death sentence for her. The court is expected to rule over her fatal martial law bid in 2024. The court is expected to rule in February, capping over a year of political upheaval. Reuters

## DUBAI

Nearly 20 flights between Dubai and Iranian cities cancelled



At least 17 flights scheduled for Friday between Dubai and Iranian cities including Tehran and Mashhad have been cancelled. The decision to cancel flights came after a protest in Tehran that was reported to have turned violent on Thursday and continued into Friday as authorities moved to curb protests. Reuters

## Russia hits Ukraine with Oreshnik missile after rejecting truce plan

Moscow claims the hypersonic strike was in response to a December Ukrainian drone attack on Putin's residence; assault kills four and wounds at least 24 in Kyiv; Russia rejected Ukraine and Western allies' plan for European troops post-ceasefire

Agence France-Presse  
Kiev



Escalating conflict: A residential building burns after a Russian strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday.

Russia hit Ukraine with an Oreshnik missile overnight after rejecting the four-year-old peacekeeping plan. The missile struck a massive attack that set apartment blocks ablaze and killed four people in a residential area in the capital Kyiv.

Ukraine and its Western allies are pushing for an end to the war as it approaches the four-year mark. They agreed that Russia would deploy troops after any ceasefire. But Moscow, which says it has stopped its 2022 invasion in part to prevent an expansion of the conflict, has repeatedly rejected the idea of any Western forces staying in Ukraine. Such troops would be "considered legitimate military targets", Russian Po-

litical Minister spokesperson Maria Zacharova warned on Thursday, branding Ukraine and its allies "and European allies" an "axis of war".

A diplomatic wrangle for the Oreshnik missile has been Europe's deadliest conflict since the Second World War. Russia has continued to press forward with its assault, bombing Ukraine daily.

Moscow did not provide any other details on the attack, but Ukrainian authorities said it had used the Oreshnik hypersonic missile on "strategic targets" overnight. The strikes were in response to a December drone strike on a Russian military base in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol. Ukraine has denied it was behind that.

The regional military administration said it had used a conventional building on the city's left bank, a medic was killed while responding to a strike and the site was hit by nine.

Some neighbourhoods were plunged into darkness as the Kilitchko described as a "massive enemy missile strike".

Across the border in Russia's Black Sea port, the government said more than 40 million people were without power or heating after a Ukrainian attack targeted a power plant in the Donbas region.

## Kurdish fighters refuse to leave Syria's Aleppo after truce

Agence France-Presse  
Aleppo

Kurdish fighters rejected a call to leave Syria's Aleppo on Friday after the government announced a truce in densely populated areas that forced thousands of civilians to flee.

Since Tuesday, government forces have been advancing on the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, which control the country's second city.

The violence has been a challenge for a country still struggling to forge a new path after a decade and a half of civil war that ousted long-time ruler Bashar al-Assad just over a year ago.

It also forced around 30,000 families to flee their homes, according to the UN.

Both sides traded blame over who started the fighting, which came as they had agreed to a deal to merge the Kurdish administration and military into the country's new government.

On Friday, the Defense Ministry announced a ceasefire in the northern city of Afrin, which is controlled by the SDF, which controls swathes of Syria's oil-rich north and parts of the east.

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"We have agreed to remain our districts and defend them," an SDF statement said.

"We are forced to remain our districts and defend them," an SDF statement said.

## Flery horizon



Wildfires: Firefighters walk on a road during a wildfire in El Hayo, Patagonia, Argentina, on Thursday.

## Meloni rules out U.S. military move on Greenland, urges NATO Arctic presence

Reuters  
ROMA

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said on Friday she did not believe the United States would send a military force to seize Greenland, including the U.S. territory.

"I believe it would not be in anyone's interest. I think it would not even be in the interest of the United States," she said. "That was a need for a serious and significant" NATO presence in the Arctic.

Region, including Greenland, "including in the hypothesis that the United States would launch a military action to seize Greenland, which is an option I would clearly not support," Ms. Meloni said.

"At the weekend U.S. military

operation that seized the leader of Venezuela's reclusive

concerns about U.S. intentions towards Green-

land. The White House said on Tuesday that the U.S. was to be involved in the operation to seize Greenland, including the use of military force.

Ms. Meloni was seen as one of Donald Trump's closest allies in the U.S. administration, and it is "obvious to everyone that the U.S. administration has no intention to seize Greenland on Washington's behalf," she said.

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land, including five children.

In a statement on Friday morning, the Israeli military said it had already struck. Hamas terrorists and terror infrastructure" in Gaza. Mr. Meloni said the strike was a "failed projectile launch".

"Just yesterday, 13 people were killed in the northern areas of the Strip on fabricated pretenses, in addition to the hundreds of killed and wounded who were killed after the cease-fire," Hamas political bureau member, Isma'il

Naim, wrote on Telegram. "This cannot happen without American cover or assistance."

Israeli forces have killed at least 439 Palestinians in Gaza since the conflict began, according to the Health Ministry in the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Naim also accused

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of "exploiting" his constitutional role of escalating in order to sabotage the agreement and return to war".



Giorgia Meloni

## Hamas says Israeli strikes on Gaza Strip 'cannot happen without American cover'

Agence France-Presse  
GAZA CITY

A Hamas official said on Friday that Israeli strikes on Gaza "cannot happen without American cover or assistance".

Mr. Meloni said the strike was a "failed projectile launch".

Both sides have alleged frequent violations. Gaza's ci-

ty defence agency, which operates as a rescue force, said it had killed and wounded when it responded to Israeli strikes on Thursday.

Since October 10, a fragile U.S.-sponsored truce in Gaza has largely halted the fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas, but

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Health Ministry

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**Agence France-Presse**

KYIV

**R**ussia hit Ukraine with its hypersonic Oreshnik missile overnight after rejecting the latest post-war peace-keeping plan, as part of a massive attack that set apartment blocks ablaze and killed at least four persons in the capital Kyiv.

Ukraine and its Western allies, scrambling to bring an end to the war as it approaches the four-year mark, agreed this week that Europe would deploy troops after any ceasefire.

But Moscow, which says it launched its February 2022 invasion in part to prevent an expansion of the NATO defence treaty, has repeatedly rejected the idea of any Western forces stationed in Ukraine.

Such troops would be "considered legitimate military targets", Russian Fo-



**Escalating conflict:** A residential building burns after a Russian strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday. AP

reign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova warned on Thursday, branding Ukraine and its American and European allies an "axis of war".

As diplomats wrangle for a breakthrough in what has been Europe's deadliest conflict since the Second World War, Russia has continued to press forward with its assault, bombarding Ukraine daily.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it had used the Oreshnik hypersonic missile on "strategic targets" overnight, saying the attacks were in response to a December drone strike on a resident of Russia's leader Vladimir Putin. Ukraine has denied it was behind that attack.

Moscow did not provide any other details on the attack, but Ukrainian author-

ities said an "infrastructure facility" had been struck near the western city of Lviv by a ballistic missile travelling at hypersonic speed.

## Four killed

In Kyiv, drone strikes across the city killed four persons and wounded at least 24 others, including emergency rescuers, police said.

At a residential building on the city's left bank, a medic was killed while responding to a strike as the site was hit a second time.

Some neighbourhoods were plunged into darkness during what Mayor Vitali Klitschko described as a "massive enemy missile attack".

Across the border in Russia's Belgorod, the governor said more than half a million people were without power or heating after a Ukrainian attack targeted

the region's utilities.

Nearly 200,000 people were also cut off from water supplies, Vyacheslav Gladkov added.

Ukraine's military put the entire country on missile alert early Friday after confirming Russian bombers were airborne.

In the western city of Lviv, the Ukrainian Air Force said a ballistic missile, travelling at about 13,000 kmph, struck "infrastructure facilities" just before midnight.

The regional military administration said afterwards that radiation levels were within normal range.

Russia used an Oreshnik with a conventional warhead to strike the city of Dnipro in central Ukraine in late 2024.

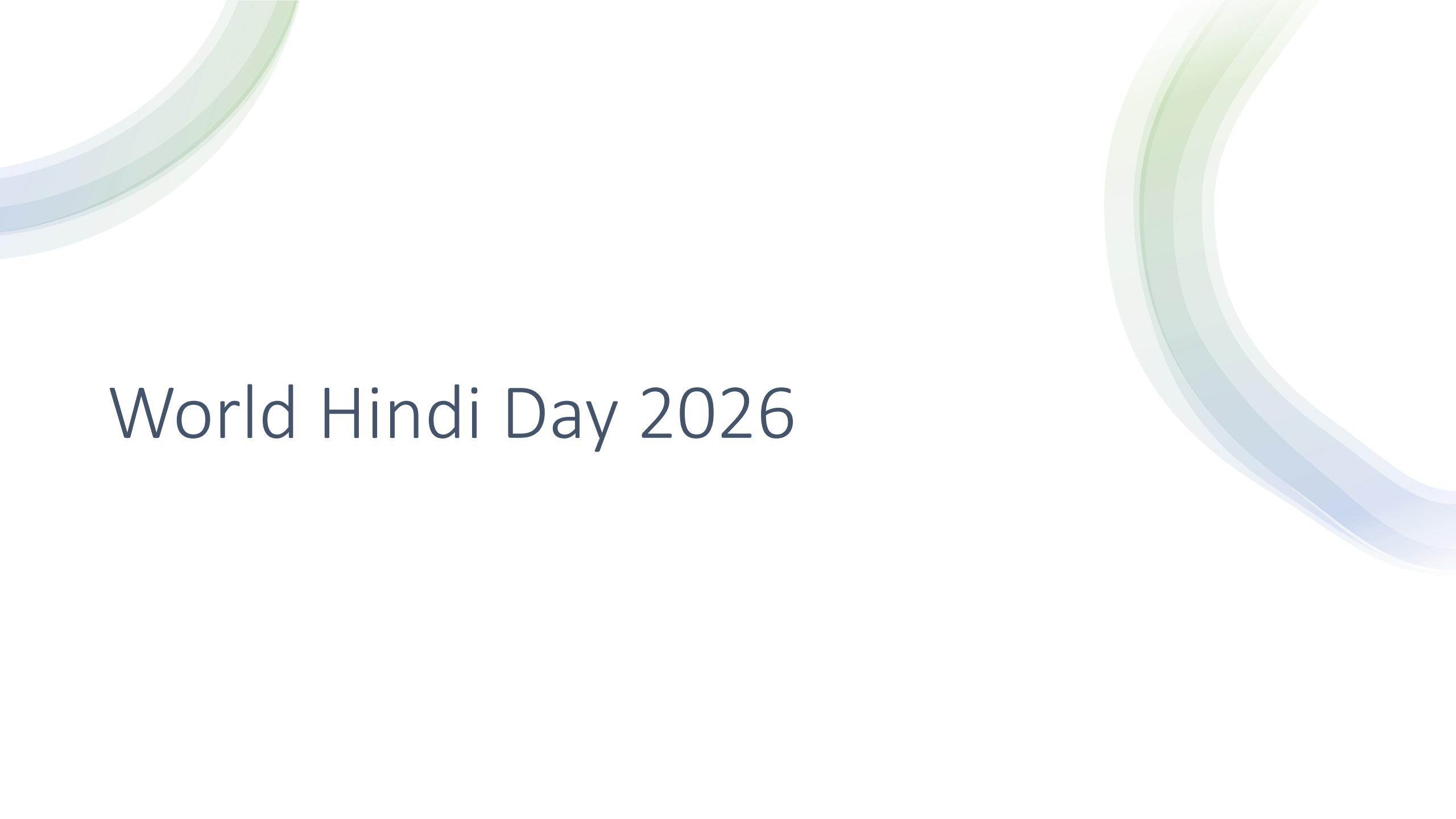
Russia, which occupies around 20% of Ukraine, has insisted on full control of the Donbas region as part of any settlement.

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**
  - Russia hit Ukraine with its hypersonic Oreshnik missile overnight, **after rejecting a post-war truce/peacekeeping plan.**
  - रूस ने ट्रूस/पीसकीपिंग प्लान को ठुकराने के बाद रातों-रात यूक्रेन पर हाइपरसोनिक "ओरेश्निक" मिसाइल से हमला किया।
- **Russia's claim on "why now" / रूस का दावा – "क्यों"**
  - Moscow claimed the strike was **in response to a December Ukrainian drone attack on Putin's residence; Ukraine denied it.**
  - मॉस्को का दावा: यह दिसंबर में पुतिन के आवास पर यूक्रेनी ड्रोन हमले के जवाब में था; यूक्रेन ने इनकार किया। Reuters
- **Human impact in Kyiv / कीव में असर**
  - The assault killed 4 and wounded at least 24 in Kyiv (incl. emergency responders); apartment blocks were set ablaze.
  - कीव में 4 मौतें और कम-से-कम 24 घायल (आपातकर्मी भी); अपार्टमेंट ब्लॉक्स में आग लगी।
- **Europe troops plan & Russia's rejection / यूरोपीय सैनिकों वाला प्लान**
  - Ukraine + Western allies agreed Europe could **deploy troops after a ceasefire**; Moscow repeatedly rejected Western forces in Ukraine and warned such troops could be seen as **legitimate military targets.**
  - यूक्रेन+पश्चिमी सहयोगी: सीजफायर के बाद यूरोपीय सैनिक तैनाती; रूस का विरोध—ऐसी सेनाएँ "legitimate targets" मानी जा सकती हैं।

- **Wider operational details / अन्य प्रमुख बातें**
  - Ukraine put the country on **missile alert** after confirming Russian bombers were airborne.
  - यूक्रेन ने रूसी बॉम्बर्स के उड़ान भरने की पुष्टि के बाद देशभर में **मिसाइल अलर्ट** किया।
- **Lviv & infrastructure strike / ल्वीव और इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर पर वार**
  - In western city **Lviv**, a ballistic missile travelling at about **13,000 kmph** struck "infrastructure facilities" just before midnight.
  - पश्चिमी शहर ल्वीव में करीब **13,000 किमी/घंटा** गति वाली बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल से "इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर" पर हमला। Reuters +1
- **Russia's stated war aims / रूस का रुख**
  - Report mentions Russia occupies ~**20%** of Ukraine and insists on control of the **Donbas** region as part of any settlement.
  - रिपोर्ट के अनुसार रूस ~**20%** यूक्रेन पर कब्जे की स्थिति में है और किसी भी सेटलमेंट में **Donbas** पर नियंत्रण की बात करता है। AP News

Exam	Date (as per source)	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims (GS) 2023	28 May 2023	Conflict-location pairs: Donbas–Syria, Kachin–Ethiopia, Tigray–North Yemen (how many correct?)	None (0)
UPSC EPFO (GAT) 2016	2016	Scramjet engine statements (ISRO 2016 test etc.)	As per paper key (statement-based)
RRB NTPC CBT-I (Official)	06 Apr 2021 (Shift 1)	What kind of organisation is NATO?	Intergovernmental Military Alliance
RPF SI CBT-I (Official)	09 Dec 2024 (Shift 2)	NATO member countries as on 30 Sep 2024?	32
OPSC ASO (GK) Official	27 Aug 2022	Where is NATO HQ?	Brussels

Topic (EN/HI)	Quick facts (MCQ-friendly)
Oreshnik missile / "ओरेश्निक"	Reported as a <b>Russian intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM)</b> ; can carry <b>conventional or nuclear warheads</b> ; highlighted for <b>very high speed (~Mach 10)</b> ; used in Ukraine again in Jan 2026
Hypersonic / हाइपरसोनिक	Hypersonic speed generally means <b>Mach 5+</b> (5× speed of sound)
Ballistic vs hypersonic glide / बैलिस्टिक बनाम HGV	Ballistic missiles largely follow a predictable trajectory; hypersonic glide/cruise systems are harder to track due to speed + manoeuvre (conceptual difference)
Donbas / डोनबास	Donbas is in <b>Ukraine</b> (common mapping trap in Prelims)
NATO relevance / नाटो	Russia's stated rationale includes resisting NATO expansion; NATO facts often asked: HQ <b>Brussels</b> , alliance type etc.



World Hindi Day 2026

- **What is World Hindi Day? / विश्व हिंदी दिवस क्या है?**
  - Observed to recognise Hindi's **global presence beyond India**, especially among diaspora communities.
  - हिंदी के वैश्विक प्रसार और भारत से बाहर इसके उपयोग/पहचान को रेखांकित करने के लिए मनाया जाता है।
- **When is it observed in 2026? / 2026 में कब?**
  - **10 January 2026.**
  - **10 जनवरी 2026।** MEA India +1
- **Why 10 January? / 10 जनवरी ही क्यों?**
  - It commemorates the **first World Hindi Conference** held on **10 Jan 1975** in **Nagpur**.
  - **10 जनवरी 1975** को नागपुर में हुए प्रथम विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन की स्मृति। MEA India +1
- **How is it generally observed? / आमतौर पर कैसे मनाया जाता है?**
  - Government of India (through **embassies/diplomatic missions**) organises programmes—talks, literary readings, discussions, cultural events—focus on **awareness over scale**.
  - भारत सरकार (मुख्यतः दूतावास/मिशनों के माध्यम से) व्याख्यान, साहित्य-पाठ, चर्चा, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम—भव्यता से अधिक जागरूकता पर जोर। MEA India +1

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready fact
<b>World Hindi Day vs Hindi Diwas / विश्व हिंदी दिवस बनाम हिंदी दिवस</b>	World Hindi Day: <b>10 Jan</b> (global focus). Hindi Diwas: <b>14 Sept</b> (adoption of Hindi as official language decision in 1949).
<b>Constitution: Official language / संविधान: आधिकारिक भाषा</b>	<b>Article 343(1):</b> Official language of Union = <b>Hindi in Devanagari</b> ; numerals = <b>international form of Indian numerals</b> .
<b>Directive for Hindi development / हिंदी विकास का निर्देश</b>	<b>Article 351:</b> Duty of Union to promote spread/development of Hindi; enrichment primarily from <b>Sanskrit</b> .
<b>Eighth Schedule / आठवीं अनुसूची</b>	Eighth Schedule lists <b>22 scheduled languages</b> .
<b>World Hindi Conference / विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन</b>	First conference: <b>10–12 Jan 1975, Nagpur</b> ; linked with why WHD is on 10 Jan.

Exam	Date	Question (as asked / gist)
UPSC (CDS 02/2022 – GK, Official)	04 Sep 2022	Which language was added to the <b>Eighth Schedule</b> by a Constitutional Amendment in <b>1967</b> ?
PSC/State (UPSSSC PET, Official)	24 Aug 2021 (Shift 1)	हिन्दी दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?
SSC (SSC MTS 2024, Official)	01 Oct 2024 (Shift 1)	World Hindi Day is celebrated on—
Railway (RRB NTPC CBT-I, Official)	27 Feb 2021 (Shift 1)	The World Hindi Day is celebrated annually on ____.
Railway (RRB Group D, Official)	26 Sept 2022 (Shift 3)	"Official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script" is in which Article?
Bank (SBI PO Mains GA practice set – memory-based)	17 Jan 2023	World Hindi Day is celebrated on? (GA quiz used for bank prep)

- World Hindi Day is observed on **10 January** and links to the **first World Hindi Conference (Nagpur, 1977)**.

- Hindi Diwas is observed on **14 September** to mark the adoption of Hindi as the official language decision (Constituent Assembly, 1949).

/श्रीहस्तिन्द्र 14 श्रद्धालुघ इङ्ग (1949 रक्ष्या श्रृंग इव्रष्टिं क्रित्युत्त्रित्यहस्तरक्ष्या) इह क्रिया रक्ष्याव्रष्टिवग्निवत्तिप्रस्तु

- Options / ਵਿਕਲਪ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ

A) 1 only / ઇંડાન્સ્ટ્રી 1

B) 2 only / ડુક્કાન્દાર 2

C) Both 1 and 2 / ଦ୍ୱାରା

D) Neither / ਨੇਹੀਂ ਹੈ



India's first fully paperless district  
judiciary

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**

- India's first **fully paperless district judiciary** was inaugurated in **Kalpetta (Wayanad), Kerala.** /  
भारत की पहली पूरी तरह पेपरलेस जिला न्यायपालिका कल्पेट्टा (वायनाड), केरल में शुरू हुई। Live Law +2
- It was virtually inaugurated by **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant** on **6 Jan 2026.** /  
इसका वर्चुअल उद्घाटन भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश (CJI) जस्टिस सूर्यकांत ने 6 जनवरी 2026 को किया। Live Law +1
- *(Your screenshot shows a site date Jan 10; the inauguration/event itself is reported as Jan 6.)*

Live Law +1

- **What "fully paperless" means / "पूरी तरह पेपरलेस" का अर्थ**

- Entire workflow becomes **end-to-end digital**: filing → scrutiny → case records → orders (no physical files). / केस की पूरी प्रक्रिया डिजिटल: फाइलिंग → स्क्रूटनी → रिकॉर्ड → आदेश (फिजिकल फाइल नहीं)।

Live Law +2

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- **Technology backbone / ടെക്നോളജി ബാക്ക്**
  - The system was developed **in-house** by Kerala High Court, including a **District Court Case Management System** for judges' instant access to e-records. / ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് കോർട്ട് കൗൺസിൽ - പ്രക്രിയ ശാഖയിലെ ഗവർണ്ണർ; ആസക്ത ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് കൗൺസിൽ ശാഖ വരവ് ടുന്ന് നാം കൊണ്ട് പ്രാഥീമിക കൗൺസിൽ ടുന്ന് പോരുന്നു
- **AI integration / AI ഇന്റഗ്രേഷൻ**
  - Judges get AI-enabled support for tasks like **structured summaries**, retrieval of case-specific info, and **document annotation** (assistive, not decision-making). / നാം നികുത്ത ടുന്ന് പ്രാഥീമിക, മുഖ്യക്കൗൺസിൽ ടുന്ന് പ്രാഥീമിക ടുന്ന് AI-ഈ ശ്രദ്ധാർല്ല രവത്ത് (ട്രണ്ക്രിപ്റ്റ്, ശ്രാഖഗ്രഡ് ലൈസൻസ് ടുന്ന്)
- **Why it matters / ഫുന്നെറണ്ടുന്നുണ്ട്**
  - Faster processes, transparency, lower litigation costs; helps ordinary litigants & MSMEs; also framed as “green jurisprudence” via reduced paper use. / ബശ്രാഖഗ്രഡ് ലൈസ്, ഹ്രദയശ്രദ്ധാർല്ല, ച്രാപ്പെൽ ടുന്ന്; അതുപെട്ടെന്ന് MSMEs ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് പ്രക്രിയ; ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ടുന്ന് “ഇഹണ ക്ലൗഡ്” ടുന്ന് ടുന്ന് ടുന്ന്

**Topic (EN/HI)****High-probability facts for MCQ**

**Kalpetta paperless district / कल्पेट्टा  
पेपरलेस ज़िला**

India's **first** fully paperless district judiciary; **Wayanad,**  
**Kerala**

**Who inaugurated / उद्घाटन किसने**

**CJI Surya Kant**, virtually; event reported on **6 Jan 2026**

**e-Courts governance / ई-कोर्ट्स  
गवर्नेंस**

**e-Committee, Supreme Court of India** oversees the  
e-Courts project

**NJDG / नेशनल ज्यूडिशियल डेटा ग्रिड**

NJDG provides consolidated case statistics  
(instituted/disposed/pendency) across courts;  
updated daily

**Phase III focus / फेज-III फोकस**

**e-Courts Phase III** aims toward  
**digital/online/paperless courts**, digitising legacy  
records + universal e-filing/e-payments

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
<b>UPSC CSE Mains (GS-2)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<p>“E-governance is not only about use of new technology, but also about the ‘use value’ of information.” Explain.</p>	Descriptive (10 marks) ( <a href="#">UPSC</a> )
<b>UPSC CSE Mains (GS-2)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<p>“E-governance... has ushered in effectiveness, transparency and accountability... What inadequacies hamper enhancement of these features?”</p>	Descriptive (10 marks) ( <a href="#">UPSC</a> )
<b>APPSC Group 1 Prelims (GS &amp; Mental Ability) – Official</b>	<b>2017</b>	<p>As per NJDG (April 2017), approx. % cases pending &gt; 2 years?</p>	Options given: <b>45/55/65/75</b>
			(answer as per paper key) (
<b>SSC/Bank/Railway (GA – practice/memory-based)</b>	—	<p>SUPACE stands for what? (AI portal of Supreme Court)</p>	<b>Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court’s Efficiency</b>

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- News നും നും ക്രിയരാജ്യ കുറഞ്ഞ തും / Consider the statements:
- India's first fully paperless district judiciary was inaugurated at **Kalpetta, Wayanad (Kerala)**.  
/ ക്രിയരാജ്യ തും ഹണ്ഡു ഹാർഡ് പ്രവർത്തന നും ധരച്ച ശ്രീ ചരവൈഗ്രഹക്രമിക്കുന്നത് തും നും ക്രിയരാജ്യ (ഡിഡിജിറ്റെ) രാജ്യ തും
- The initiative was inaugurated virtually by **CJI Justice Surya Kant** on **6 January 2026**.  
/ സ്ഥിരിക്കുന്ന തും ചരവൈഗ്രഹ ക്രിയരാജ്യ നും 6 നും ഏ തും 2026 നും നും നും
- Options / ശ്രീകുറഞ്ഞ: A) 1 only B) 2 only C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither

*(UIDAI “Udai” mascot)*



- Aadhaar updates, authentication, offline verification, selective information sharing, technology upgrades, and responsible usage practices.
- ਇਹ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਹੈਮਡਿੱਕ, ਛੁਟ੍ਟੇ ਡਾਕਟਰੇਟ, ਛੁਟ੍ਟੇ ਚੁਕ੍ਕੇ ਕ੍ਰਾਨਿਕਾ ਡਾਕਟਰੇਟ, ਦੁਗ਼ਣਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਡਾਕਗਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਅਧਿਕ ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੀ ਸਾਡੀਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।
- Selection process / ਦੁਗ਼ਣ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ
- Udai (name + mascot) was selected through a national competition on MyGov; winner announced as Arun Gokul (Kerala) from 875 entries.
- ਕੁਝ ਗੁਰੂ ਡੁਕਾਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਤੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਸਾਡੀਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

Topic (EN/HI)	Exam-ready fact
UIDAI / यूआईडीएआई	UIDAI is the authority for Aadhaar ecosystem; the Udai mascot is meant for citizen-friendly communication
Aadhaar Act / आधार अधिनियम	UIDAI functions under <b>Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016</b>
Ministry / मंत्रालय	UIDAI is under <b>MeitY (Ministry of Electronics &amp; IT)</b>
MyGov / माईगव	Udai selected via <b>MyGov</b> national contest; <b>875 entries</b>
Core exam angle / प्रीलिम्स एंगल	"Udai" = Aadhaar mascot; askable as <b>Match the following (Institution–Mascot–Purpose)</b>

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Question (short)</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>UPSC CSE Prelims (GS-1)</b>	<b>03 Jun 2018</b>	Aadhaar: (1) proof of citizenship/domicile? (2) once issued cannot be deactivated/omitted?	<b>Neither 1 nor 2</b>
<b>UPSC CSE Prelims (GS-1)</b>	<b>03 Jun 2018</b>	Aadhaar open APIs imply: (1) integrated into any electronic device (2) online iris authentication possible	<b>Both 1 and 2</b>
<b>SSC CHSL Tier-I (Official Paper)</b>	<b>11 Jul 2024 (Shift 2)</b>	UIDAI is under which ministry?	<b>MeitY</b>





Keyi Panyor = India's first “Bio-Happy District”



- Who is implementing / କ୍ରେତାର କର୍ତ୍ତା କ୍ରାନ୍ତିକା ପାଇଁ
- Implemented by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in collaboration with the district administration.
- MSSRF କୁଟୀ ଶକ୍ତି କରି ବ୍ୟବହାର କରିବାର ପାଇଁ କ୍ରାନ୍ତିକା ପାଇଁ
- What will be assessed / କ୍ରାନ୍ତିକା କୁଟୀ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ
- Focus on **livelihoods**, **agro-biodiversity**, and **local ecological systems** to build a sustainable development model rooted in ecology + livelihoods + public health.
- ନିର୍ମାଣ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ କ୍ରାନ୍ତିକା ପାଇଁ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ
- About Keyi Panyor district / Keyi Panyor ଶକ୍ତି କରି ବ୍ୟବହାର କରିବାର ପାଇଁ
- A new district with HQ Yachuli, carved out of Lower Subansiri; officially established 1 March 2024.
- ଏହାର ପାଇଁ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ କରିବାର ପାଇଁ

**Topic (EN/HI)****Exam-ready facts****Biohappiness / जैव-आनंद**

Defined as well-being arising when biodiversity is conserved + used sustainably to enhance health/nutrition/income

**Keyi Panyor district / केयी पान्योर**

HQ: Yachuli; created by bifurcating Lower Subansiri; established 1 Mar 2024

**Why "Bio-Happy District" matters / महत्व**

Links **biodiversity conservation** with **human well-being & livelihoods** (UPSC GS3 ecology/agri + SDGs angle)

**Hotspot trap / ट्रैप पॉइंट**

India's biodiversity hotspots are **Himalaya, Western Ghats & Sri Lanka, Indo-Burma, Sundaland (Nicobar)**—not "Western Himalayas/Eastern Himalayas" as separate hotspots

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims	2010	Biodiversity hotspots statements (only tropical? + India has "four hotspots: Eastern Himalayas, Western Himalayas..." etc.)	Neither 1 nor 2 (Option D)
UPSC CSE Prelims	2015	National Park with climate ranging from tropical → subtropical → temperate → arctic	Namdapha National Park (Arunachal Pradesh)
UPSC CSE Mains GS-3	2019	Contributions of <b>Sir M. Visvesvaraya</b> & <b>Dr. M. S. Swaminathan</b> (water engineering & agricultural science)	Descriptive
RRB NTPC CBT-I (Official)	08 Apr 2021 (Shift 2)	M. S. Swaminathan is associated with which revolution?	Green Revolution
SSC GD Constable (Official)	05 Mar 2024 (Shift 1)	Father of Green Revolution in India?	M. S. Swaminathan



*(Bengaluru: best  
Indian city for  
women, 2025*

- What happened / क्या हुआ
  - Bengaluru was ranked India's best city for women in 2025 in Avtar Group's *Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2025* report.
  - Avtar Group की *TCWI 2025* रिपोर्ट में बैंगलुरु को 2025 में महिलाओं के लिए भारत का सर्वश्रेष्ठ शहर रैंक किया गया। The Times of India +1
- Top-5 cities / शीर्ष 5 शहर
  - Bengaluru (CIS 53.29), Chennai (49.86), Pune (46.27), Hyderabad (46.04), Mumbai (44.49).
  - बैंगलुरु (CIS 53.29), चेन्नई (49.86), पुणे (46.27), हैदराबाद (46.04), मुंबई (44.49)। The New Indian E... +1
- Who did the study & coverage / स्टडी किसकी और कितने शहर
  - Conducted by Avtar Group (workplace culture/inclusion consulting); 125 cities assessed (comparisons since 2022 mentioned).
  - Avtar Group द्वारा अध्ययन; 125 शहरों का आकलन (2022 से तुलना का भी उल्लेख)। The New Indian E... +1
- How ranking is built / रैंकिंग कैसे बनी
  - Cities are ranked by **City Inclusion Score (CIS)** derived from two parameters:
    - **Social Inclusion Score (SIS)** and
    - **Industrial Inclusion Score (IIS)**.
  - रैंकिंग **City Inclusion Score (CIS)** पर आधारित है, जो दो पैरामीटर से बनता है:
    - **SIS (Social Inclusion Score)** और
    - **IIS (Industrial Inclusion Score)**। The Times of India +1

- **What SIS & IIS measure / SIS और IIS में क्या देखा गया**
  - **SIS:** liveability, safety, women's representation in employment, women's empowerment indicators.
  - **IIS:** women-friendly industries, inclusive organisations, workplace participation/representation, career enablers.
  - **SIS:** livability, safety, रोजगार में महिलाओं की भागीदारी, empowerment indicators।
  - **IIS:** women-friendly industries, gender-inclusive organisations, workplace participation/representation, career enablers।
- **Important insight / रिपोर्ट का बड़ा निष्कर्ष**
  - Industrial growth alone doesn't guarantee women-friendly cities—**Delhi/Gurugram/Noida** do well on IIS but lag on social indicators like safety/affordability/mobility.
  - केवल industrial growth पर्याप्त नहीं—**दिल्ली/गुरुग्राम/नोएडा** IIS में अच्छे, लेकिन safety/affordability/mobility जैसे social indicators में पीछे।

Rank	City	City Inclusion Score (CIS)
1	Bengaluru	53.29
2	Chennai	49.86
3	Pune	46.27
4	Hyderabad	46.04
5	Mumbai	44.49

Component	What it captures (EN)
<b>SIS</b>	Liveability, safety, women's employment representation, women's empowerment
<b>IIS</b>	Presence of inclusive orgs, women-friendly industries, career enablers, workplace participation
<b>CIS</b>	Overall city rank = combined outcome of SIS + IIS

## ਸਾਮੁੱਲ ਰਾਹ

ਧਾਰਾਵੁਕੁਗੁਣਾਤਮਕ, ਫੁਰਾਲਕ, ਛੁਕਾ ਪਕਾਵਾਤਮਕ  
ਵਾਅਲਾਵਾਅਰਾਤਮਕ, ਫੁਰਾਲਕ, ਫੁਰਾਲਕ

ਫੁਰਾਲਕ, ਫੁਰਾਲਕ, ਫੁਰਾਲਕ, women-  
friendly ਸਾਫ਼ਟਕਾਰੀ, career  
enablers, workplace  
participation

ਫੁਰਾਲਕ ਫੁਰਾਲਕ = SIS + IIS ਫੁਰਾਲਕ  
ਫੁਰਾਲਕ ਵਾਅਲਾਵਾਅਰਾਤਮਕ

Exam	Date	Question (short)	Answer
UPSC CDS-I (GS)	13 Apr 2025	"Nirbhaya Fund" is administered by?	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
RRB NTPC CBT-I	18 Jan 2021 (Shift 1)	Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was introduced to address—	Decline in girl child sex-ratio
SSC GD Constable	16 Jan 2023 (Shift 2)	NCW was set up as statutory body in January ____	1992
SSC Stenographer	07 Aug 2025 (Shift 2)	Main focus of BBBP scheme launched in 2015?	Girl child survival & education
RRB NTPC UG CBT-II	20 Dec 2025	How can gender equality contribute to human development?	By eliminating barriers to women's participation in education & workforce
UPSC CSE Mains (GS2)	2017	"Is the National Commission for Women able to strategise and tackle problems women face in public & private spheres?"	Descriptive (15 marks)

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- ਸਫ਼੍ਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਵਿਨਸ਼ਨਲ ਟਾਂਕ ਕ੍ਰਾਨਿਕਲ ਲਈ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ / Consider the statements (as per the report):
- The TCWI 2025 ranking assessed **125 cities** and uses **City Inclusion Score (CIS)**. / TCWI 2025 ਵਿੱਚ **125 ਟ੍ਰਾਂਸਫਰੇਂਸ਼ਨਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ CIS ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ**
- CIS is derived from **two parameters**: SIS and IIS. / CIS ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ—SIS ਜਾਂ ਜਾਂ IIS ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ
- Options / ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ:
  - A) 1 only / ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ 1
  - B) 2 only / ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ 2
  - C) Both 1 and 2 / ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ
  - D) Neither / ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ

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# Word of the day

**Clampdown:**

sudden restriction on an activity

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**Synonyms:** curb, quash, suppress

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**Usage:** *There was a clampdown on illegal activities.*

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**Pronunciation:** newsth.live/  
clampdownrpo

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**International Phonetic  
Alphabet:** /klæmpdaʊn/



Thank you ☺

